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GEDDES MAY NOT RETURN TO EMBASSY

Thought That Sir Auckland Will Resign on Trip to London

NOT SUPRISED

Has Made Many Friends in Nation's Capital Who Regret to Hear of Decision.

(By Isaac Gregg)

Washington, March 27.—Reports from London intimating that Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador here, may not return in his official capacity after his forthcoming visit to London, did not surprise officials here today but were genuinely regretted by those with whom Sir Auckland has been in contact. R. Leslie Craigie, secretary of the British embassy, said that Sir Auckland would resign, saying that he was going to England for a two months vacation, the first real vacation in three years. Nevertheless, officials here have anticipated since the advent of the Bonar Law administration in Great Britain that there might be a change in ambassadors inasmuch as Sir Auckland is distinctly a liberal of the Lloyd George type and committed to Lloyd George policies. Probably not since Lord Bryce has been a British ambassador here who has so impressed the American government with his real desire for a closer friendship between the British and the American peoples.

Sir Auckland's frankness, his unvarying courtesy, and his keen work to avoid unpleasant incidents between the two nations have made a strong impression here and it would be with great regret that this government would hear of his resignation. State Department officials sincerely hope the reports of his resignation are untrue. As to reports that Ambassador Harvey might resign his place it is declared by officials in a position to know that the subject has never been discussed. It is presumed here that Mr. Harvey intends to keep on in London as there is not the slightest chance that he will become chairman of the Republican National Committee as some reports have had it. The State Department has informed the Venezuelan Legation that its protest against the circulation through the United States mails of revolutionary propaganda against the Venezuelan government has been referred to the Post Office Department for investigation. The Venezuelan complaint alleged that a publication called "La Reforma Social" in its December issue contained an incendiary article against the Venezuelan government, the closing paragraph which said: "On the holy altar of freedom 3,000,000 persons would bless the liberating hand that would deal the dark malefactor a final blow."

According to experts on international law there is no very clear precept of international law covering the case, but the practice of nations in the past has been to invoke local statutes or regulations where applicable against persons or publications guilty of attacks upon the representatives of foreign governments. For example, libel proceedings have been instituted against persons making slanderous attacks upon foreign ambassadors or other diplomatic representatives, and in general it has been held that nations whose representatives are so attacked are justified in making a protest.

In the present instance, where the attack is directed against President Gomez, of Venezuela, it is up to the Post Office Department to decide whether the publication in question is in violation of regulations concerning the sending of obscene or defamatory statements through the mails as second class matter. Unemployment in February amounted to 55,500 persons and besides this 65,000 men were on strike. The labor and industrial situation is so bad and the prospects of a termination of the strike so small that many of the men are taking their families to foreign countries, principally the United States.

France Again Warns Germany

(By United Press)
London, March 27.—A new warning to Germany was issued today by the French military commander at Düsseldorf according to dispatches received here. German nationalist propaganda has resulted in serious attacks on French troops, a proclamation stated. Unless the attacks cease, French officials will be obliged to institute "very severe measures" it added.

Reporters Get The Wrong Man

"J. K. Mitchell" Was Not The Man They Thought He Was

(By Isaac Gregg)

Washington, March 27.—Chancing to see the name "J. K. Mitchell" on the register of a local hotel yesterday, a member of the newspaper profession circulated the report that J. Kearsley Mitchell, otherwise known as "Marshall" in the Dorothy King episode was in town. The report spread like wild fire and within a period of ten minutes more than a score of newspaper reporters were trying to run the clue down. Although they found the name registered the manager of the hotel refused at first to permit the reporters to disturb the guest. So many requests were made to the manager that he finally consented to ask his guest if he would not come down and see the newspaper men.

Watching closely the elevators and stairways so they would not miss their victim, the reporters carried out their policy of watchful waiting. A faded picture was their only means of identification. Shortly afterwards, a man about sixty years old appeared and declared he was ready for the interview. The reporters all tried to speak at once and crowding around the guest asked if he was Mr. J. K. Mitchell. "Yes, boys," he replied, "I am J. K. Mitchell, but I don't think I am the man you want."

After questioning the man for fifteen minutes the reporters learned that Mr. Mitchell has just arrived from a Florida vacation, and although his name was the same and he closely resembled Dorothy King's "heavy sugar daddy" they were mistaken. The hotel corridors were immediately cleared of the debris.

Gary Officials Placed on Stand

(By United Press)

Indianapolis, March 27.—Lead-defendants in the Government booze case against Gary and Lake County officials testified in their own defense today. The indicted officials told their version of Government charges that they protected liquor law violators for payments and sold confiscated whisky.

GOES TO YUCATAN

(By United Press)

Washington, March 27.—F. L. Bell of Seattle, attached to the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce, will leave shortly for Yucatan to investigate the production of sisal for the department.

Hip Flasks Will Prove Dangerous Aboard Trains Under New Ruling

(By United Press)

Washington, March 27.—Orders have gone forth to federal prohibition agents to arrest anyone seen drinking intoxicating liquor on railroad trains. An official notice addressed to "all general prohibition agents" by E. C. Yellowley, chief of federal agents here, reads as follows: "Numerous complaints have come to this office of promiscuous drinking of intoxicating liquor on railway trains throughout the country. General prohibition agents will, if reported, lead to the sustaining and if these reports are true such violations have no doubt come to your attention. Agents working under the direction of this office are supposed to be on duty at all hours of the day or night whenever necessary, and when such violations of the law are committed in their presence the offenders should be placed under arrest immediately, regardless of the circumstances under which the agents are traveling, and such other action should be taken as the occasion demands." Agents were notified by Yellowley that failure to make arrests under these circumstances will, if reported, lead to the suspending and eventual discharge of the agent in question.

SERENE BEAUTY GRACES FACE OF "DIVINE SARAH" AS CURTAIN RINGS DOWN

Wonderful Tragedienne Honored in Death as in Life —To be Buried in Casket She Bought 25 Years Ago—Paris Sorrows

(By United Press)

Paris, March 27.—A mourning France honored Sarah Bernhardt in death today as it had honored her in life. And the entire world joined in the homage. In the strange death chamber at her home on Boulevard Parie, the body lay peacefully, her face relaxed and an expression of serene beauty on her face. Through out the night, her son, grand children and most intimate relatives kept the death watch. Outside in the street great crowds gathered, staring in sympathy at the great brick walls that harbored the crushed flower of France, their martyr Jean D'Arc and the greatest actress of all time. They came at the rate of 150 an hour to pay homage at her shrine of death.

The funeral probably will be arranged for Thursday. Early this morning government officials, cabinet members and those of highest estate in the land called at the residence. The subject of a state funeral was discussed among the relatives. No definite decision has been made. Later, members of the family started removing the movie scenery from the living room to which the body will be brought later. It will lie in state so that the rich and poor, the distinguished and unfortunate, friends and admirers may view it.

The rosewood casket which Bernhardt had purchased years ago in the wish that she might be buried in it, was brought from the upper floor of the house. It is being lined with white silk. In it she had posed for death 25 years ago. In the subways and boulevard throughout Paris little groups were gathered reading eagerly from the morning newspapers which eulogized her as the symbol of a modern France. The prints stressed her great sincerity, her marvelous energy and her love for their common country.

The death of the great actress was as strange as her life. For hours she fought off the effects of the poison stealthily creeping through her body like a drug. Armed with the great vitality which had enabled her to continue her work on the stage despite her 78 years, she fought off death. But the greatest strength finally prevailed and she died at eight o'clock last night.

The performance at the Aiglon Theatre, where Bernhardt had intended playing prior to her illness, was stopped in the middle of the first act and the audience left, many weeping. Hundreds of cablegrams and messages of condolences poured into the residence. Great banks of white lilacs, the flower she most loved—decorated the walls in the home. Mourners passed into the house to sign the register of friends, which she had always kept.

The first Americans to sign was Arthur Ainsworth and his wife, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. James K. Hackett, the actor, also called.

Mystery Party Passes Through

Negro Chef on Mitchell Car Enjoys Publicity—Heavy Guard

(By United Press)

New York, March 27.—Assistant District Attorney Fred Pecora stated today, he will summon to his office, in connection with investigation of the murder of Dorothy King, Draper M. Daugherty, son of Harry M. Daugherty, Attorney General of the United States. The same gang of blackmailers that killed Miss King is reported to have threatened Daugherty although he had done nothing which he feared to have revealed. They told him they would expose his friendship for the girl according to statements attributed to him in New York papers today. Daugherty, having nothing to conceal, defied them and offered to give the authorities any information in his possession. "My only information concerning Mr. Draper Daugherty's connection with the case comes from the press," Pecora said, "but if I can locate Mr. Daugherty today, I shall most certainly ask him to come to my office for a conference."

At the Elks Club Daugherty's New York address, the attorney General's son could not be found. Interest in the case which has clung about the person of J. Kearsley Mitchell, Philadelphia millionaire friend and patron of the murdered artists model widened today to Daugherty and the District Attorney. Pecora has no official knowledge that Daugherty was even acquainted with the girl, all he has to go on are published articles and a purported interview with the Attorney General's son in which he is quoted as saying frankly that he knew Miss King, that their friendship was entirely proper in every respect, and that he would be glad to tell the authorities anything that would help them.

When Pecora heard this, although he had not previous or official obligation to link young Daugherty's name with the case, he deemed it sufficiently important to warrant his statement that he would ask the man to call on him at his office today. Pecora will probably ask Daugherty to come the man who, according to the version given publicly here, telephoned him twice and demanded that he be given a job with the Department of Justice, intimating that otherwise he would tell about Daugherty's alleged friendship with the "Broadway Butterfly."

Identification of this man, it is believed, may lead to the gang which plotted "to shake down" Mitchell, Philadelphia millionaire and chloroformed Miss King when she refused to act as the bait. Every effort was being made to pry at strangers seeing Mrs. Mitchell, or witnessing the meeting between husband and wife. Advice from Petersburg, Va., said the Stetson car was heavily guarded.

Day by Day Harding Improves at Golf

(By United Press)

St. Augustine, Fla., March 27.—Improvement in the condition of President Harding is observed each day of his Florida vacation trip. When Mr. Harding left Washington his face was lined with little wrinkles, creased by the strain of official duties and the strenuous activities in the closing days of a none too sympathetic congress. The president was good for only 18 holes of golf then.

Writer Falls Five Stories

New York, March 27.—A story which 16-year-old Miriam Wilson had started to write yesterday for her high school magazine will never be completed. Miriam went up to the roof of the five-story apartment where she lived, seeking quiet to write her masterpiece. A few minutes later one of the tenants heard a crash and found her body on the pavement of the court. It is believed the girl, who was subject to attacks of dizziness, swooned, and fell to her death.

DAUGHERTY WILL TELL HIS STORY

Attorney General's Son Does Not Cover Up Story Told

PLOT IS SCENTED

Blackmailers Who are Held Responsible for Model's Death Also Threaten Daugherty.

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Mitchell Meets Wife For First Time Since Gaining Publicity As "Marshall"

Boards Train in Union Station Washington and Private Car Proceeds Northward—Train Well Guarded—Destination Unknown

Washington, March 27.—The first meeting of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kearsley Mitchell, since his identity as the mysterious "Mr. Marshall" in the Dorothy King murder case was revealed, occurred in the private car of E. T. Stetson, Philadelphia millionaire, in the Union Station here today. Mitchell boarded the train a few moments after it arrived, evading newspaper men and photographers who were waiting. Numerous detectives and a cordon of railroad police guarded the train. The Stetson private car arrived at the station at 12:40 with curtains tightly drawn. A few moments later the car was attached to a B. and O. Train and pulled out of the city. Train officials refused to say whether the car was bound for Philadelphia or it could be detached at Baltimore, where the party may visit the Brooks estate, near Stevenson, Md.

MANY STILL AFTER HARDING FOR PROSECUTION OF THOSE GUILTY OF BOOSTING SUGAR

People's Legislative Service Would Force Action of Administration—Harding Does Not Reply to Telegram Asking His Sanction

(By United Press)

Washington, March 27.—Further steps will be taken by the People's Legislative Service to force governmental action against alleged sugar gougers, unless a definite move is made by a federal agency within a few days, Basil M. Manly, head of the service, said today. Manly stated that he had not received a reply to his telegram to President Harding asking for an immediate federal grand jury investigation of sugar market manipulations during the last six weeks, which have driven up the price of sugar three to four cents. "Assurances, somewhat vague, are given that investigations are underway, but the people of the country don't want long drawn out investigations," said Manly. "They want action—prosecution of those responsible for this huge gouge. Further steps will be taken by the People's Legislative Service to force action, unless the government soon shows signs of making a positive move in the matter."

At the Department of Justice today, it was said no instructions had been received from President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty regarding the sugar investigation, but that the inquiry instituted several weeks ago was progressing satisfactorily. Likewise there was no information as to future moves at the Federal Trade Commission or the Department of Commerce.

It became known today that the government has some information concerning the meeting in Havana early this year of Eastern bankers, holding large quantities of sugar paper, and certain Cuban producers. Charges have been made by the legislative service that plans were framed at this meeting to drive up sugar prices. In the event that definite action is not taken by the government soon, the legislative service will seek to have progressive congressmen and others bring all possible pressure on the government departments for a move against the alleged speculators.

Joseph Bernhardt Does Not Mourn For Sister

(By United Press)

McAlester, Okla., March 27.—Joseph Bernhardt, 73, did not join the world today in mourning the death of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt.

The aged Frenchman, half brother of the famous actress, only expressed bitterness and said that death could not heal the wound in his heart wrought by the "Divine Sarah."

"Let the world mourn her as it will," Bernhardt said. "I can express no pity or sorrow. Friendship between us had not existed years. My sister could have helped me but she refused."

Bernhardt, once an author and playwright, is running a little furniture repair shop here.

15,000 Farm Hands Are Still on Strike

(By United Press)

London, March 27.—More than 15,000 farm hands now are on strike in Norfolk County, according to today's tabulations. The strike has seriously curtailed farm production and great alarm is felt over a possible crop shortage. The strikers, it is understood, declined to make any exception to the estate of King George located at Sandringham and walked out there just as in other places of lesser magnitude.

This may result in the royal family being without the usual milk supply from Sandringham and the season's crop may be greatly delayed if not lost. The strikers are out against reduction of wages.

Saunders Seeks to Show The Country Wall Street's Trickery

(By United Press)

Memphis, Tenn., March 27.—Clarence Saunders, president of Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., today reiterated he will sue the New York Stock Exchange, "that the court record may be made public principally for the American people to see the trickery and unethical methods of Wall Street."

He did not say when legal action would be started but all stock delivered would be checked as to when it was acquired by brokers making a profit.

WILL PLACE LIGHT SHIPS AT VA. CAPES

Dangerous Waters of Capes Henry and Charles Marked

ARMY-NAVY RACE

Air Forces Will Attempt to Circumnavigate the World This Summer in Contest.

(By Isaac Gregg)

Washington, March 27.—Two of the most modern lightships in the service will be stationed near the treacherous shoals of Cape Henry and Cape Charles about the first of June, according to the Commissioner of Lighthouses. These vessels will be equipped with wireless signaling apparatus enabling the incoming liners to safely make the harbor at Norfolk in any kind of weather. It is the aim of the Lighthouse Service to install wireless signaling devices on all its vessels following the success attained by the ships stationed near New York which were equipped with new devices.

Two of the world's largest ships, instead of one as recently announced, will attempt to circumnavigate the world this summer under the plan now being considered by the government. The proposed flight will develop into a race between the Army and Navy air forces which will end the friendly rivalry of supremacy between the two services, according to government officials. Rivalry grows more acute as each adds some new trophy to its laurels.

The R-1, which is nearing completion at Lakehurst, N. J., will be the Navy's representative in the race while the Zeppelin soon to be completed in Germany and then turned over to this country will be used by the Army service. No date has been announced to mark the departure of the giant Zeppelin for this country because of possible complications, but it is the belief of officials here that the new leader of the air will be at Mine Long Island flying field within the next month.

The air monsters will be equipped with helium instead of hydrogen gas which, burning slowly, will enable them to make the long trip in safety. If land is covered, as explorers believe it may, it will be comparatively easy for the ships to land and claim the new discoveries in the name of the United States government.

Announcement was made at the War Department today that three series of tests of the G-1-2, a motorless monoplane, have just been completed at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio. The first series of tests demonstrated that the motor and elevation controls of the monoplane were satisfactory.

The machine was correctly handled and that the landing gear functioned properly. The second series of tests was completed on the second day of the week. With a wind of 10 miles an hour, the machine was required only about 12 feet and was in length. On the third day of the week, the machine was tested on a ground, the ground was also satisfactory.

The G-1-2 is a motorless monoplane, a structure of sports ship, it is believed that the machine will be a success.

George J. Gould's Death Is Feared

(By United Press)

Menton, France, March 27.—Condition of George J. Gould, ill at his villa here, continues serious today. There has been no change, and it is feared Gould may not live.

SCIENTIST DIES

(By United Press)

London, March 27.—Sir James Dewar, famous scientist, inventor of the thermos bottle and of Cordite, died here today.

Ottawa, Canada closed 1922 with 516,307 automobiles.